GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DOUBLING OF MIDNAPORE-KHARAGPUR RAIL LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the feasibility of doubling the rail line between Midnapore and Kharagpur via Girimaidan under Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the project; and

(d) the time by which the construction work on the project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Kharagpur to Midnapore is a double-line section except for two single-line patches, i.e., Kharagpur−Gokulpur and on Cossey river. An updating survey for doubling of this portion between Kharagpur and Midnapur via Girimaidan has been completed recently. As per the updated survey report, the cost of this doubling (6 Kms) has been assessed as Rs. 43.94 crore.

(c) & (d): The project is not yet approved.